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A UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT.
A correspondent of *Kühlofs*, writing from Honolulu, gives the following account of a rather interesting kind of entertainment:—
Saturday evening I had the pleasure of attending one of the unique entertainments—a swimming party—that are a feature of Honolulu, and are probably known nowhere else in the world. It was given by Mr and Mrs Frank M. Nilson, formerly resident of Kenwood, now of San Francisco, and is given in Chicago.

It was given as a bribe, the villa which was mentioned, beside a son of the Roy of the island. The apartment known as the "Lanai Roka" directly upon the sea, the waves breaking beneath the windows, are across the steps of the piazzas. In the rear of the lanai is a large apartment for dancing and opening from this an immense dining room. The masculine guests were, however, few exceptions officers from our fleet, and a few officers from the British, correct of war, and from the French, correct of peace. Garnett, now in the "harder" hands of the great sea, had parted their's pitifully. The sea, and much muscular vigour. The did not press the case of manner people in their American fellow-officers.

musicians were the famous Kiu Kalakaua singing boys, and they not only play upon guitars and mandoline but sing to the accompaniment, and by this lovely music the dancers floated through the waltz.

No description can be given which convey any idea of the wild pathos and sweetness of the native airs. It is such that each has been suggested by some familiar English ballad, but if this is true the native composition has been so interwoven with the motif that the effect is entirely original. The music is

of entire originality. They were seated upon the piazza, playing without being dressed in suits of white duck, with the regulation straw hat with its wreath of flowers or feathers, or both. There came first a walk or two, then the patty-cake, rated, disappeared, and reappeared clad in bathing suits. The guests then moved in procession across the long pier, and young girls clasping their hands above their heads leaped into the surf, accompanied by their escorts. They swam and dived like the clear water-like mermen and mermaids.

The southern cross rose above the horizon
pains were darkly outlined in the night
light against the clear sky; the surf de-
scribed white foam against the reefs beyond
the lagoon, the air was filled with the frag-
rance of a thousand flowers; the singing
upon the pier and their wild music were
fitting accompaniment to one of the strange
scenes I ever beheld.

After a time the swimmers repaired
their rooms, again redressed their swim-
dress, and the ball went on as if it had
never been interrupted. It was

never been interrupted
to realize that the young women in
white gowns, sashes, and French-
shoes were the same whose white ar-
bare feet had been battling with the
ora half an hour before.

The dancing was followed by a
then the waltzing and singing were re-
and the morning was well on its wa-
fore the guests made their adious and
their departure. It was as strange as
other new thing in these islands,
the picturesque and the poetic seem

perennial.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

May 24.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	
				Direction.	Force.
Wl Postock.	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	29.92	—	—	NE	1
Nagasaki ..	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai ..	29.84	70	95	ENE	3
Foochow ..	—	—	—	—	—

	Amoy	29.08	74	97	NNE	2	3
	Anping	29.71	81	—	—	2	2
8,638.02	Swatow	29.71	73	—	ESE	2	2
	Canton	29.70	79	—	E	2	2
436.36	Hongkong	29.68	75	90	ESE	2	2
7,280.27	Vict. Peak	—	—	—	E	4	5
764.30	Gap Rock	29.67	—	—	E	1	1
1,290.79	Macao	29.67	78	91	NE	1	1
634.97	Hoihow	—	—	—	—	1	1
3,419.77	Hsiphong	29.63	89	73	NW	1	2
	Bolinas	29.79	81	83	S	0	4
	Manila	29.79	84	80	NW	0	4
23 135.15	C.S. James	—	—	—	SW	4	4

		May 25.—at 10 A.M.				
15,489.03	W'lostock.	—	—	—	—	—
30.67	Tokio	—	—	—	—	—
	Nagasaki..	—	—	—	—	—
61,113.69	Shanghai.	—	—	—	—	—
	Poochow..	—	—	—	—	—
	Amyo	20.67	72	95	Waw	1
	Anping	—	—	—	—	—
	Swatow	20.71	73	—	NW	2
23,668.26	Canton	20.74	89	62	N	1
10.00	Hongkong	29.73	77	65	NW	5

37,620.43	Vict. Peak				NW	4
	Gap Rock	29.73				4
61,118.69	Macao	29.74	75	86	NW	1
	Hoihow					
	Hai Phong.	29.75	81	98	NW	2
	Bolinas	29.82	83	75	N	2
	Manila.....	29.84	86	68	SW	1
Son, Directors.	C.S.James	—	—	—	NW	4

On the 25th at 11.12 a.m. "I
approaching coast between Shan-
Foohow." On the 25th at 11.20 a.m.
meter falling slowly. Gradients
G.W.rises. Weather —

for B. W. Woods. Weather: improving.

A. DOBSON,
Assistant Meteorologist,
Hongkong Observatory, May 2

1. **BAROMETER**, reduced to 32 degree height, and to the level of the sea in inches and hundredths.
2. **TEMPERATURE**, in the shade, Fahrenheit.
3. **HUMIDITY**, in percentage of saturation, humidity of air saturated with moisture.

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4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
6. FORCE OF WIND, according to Scale.
8. STATE OF WEATHER, b big, c touched clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, w dew (wet).

RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER

	Previous day 5 a.m.	On date 10 a.m.
Barometer	29.68	29.73
Temperature	75	77
Humidity	93	63
Direction of Wind	ESE	N
Force	2	1
Weather	—	—
Rain	or	0.69

Highest open air temperature on the day
lowest open air temperature on the day

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Proposed sailings from Hongkong.

China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama) and Honolulu).....

Port (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama) and Honolulu).....

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Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 30th May, 1895. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, May 17, 1895.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the Harbour C.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked D, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to Jackson's Wharf.

3. From Jackson's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.